

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's Action of April 20, 2005, has been received and reviewed by counsel for Assignee. In that Action the Examiner indicated the allowability of claims 21-25, 30 and 31. Claims 26, 27 and 29 were rejected under Section 102(e) as anticipated by *Yamamoto* (U.S. Patent 6,728,832). This patent is commonly assigned to the Assignee of this application.

Claim 28 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


In response to the Examiner's Action, counsel for Assignee has rewritten base claim 26 in independent form to incorporate the limitations of claim 28 into claim 26. As such, that claim should be allowable. Claim 28 itself has been canceled.

Claims 27 and 29 were also rejected, and each of these is now dependent upon amended claim 26. Because amended claim 26 corresponds to former claim 28 rewritten in independent form, and indicated as allowable, each of claims 27 and 29 should now also be allowable, at least because they depend from an allowable base claim.

Accordingly, all claims now presented for examination are believed allowable in accordance with the Examiner's comments in the last Office Action.

If a telephone conference would assist in further prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-324-6303 (direct).

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